

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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Evan Ratcliff,

Case No. 2:21-cv-01351-RFB-DJA

Plaintiff,

Order

V.

Bob Faulkner, et al.,

Defendants.

11 Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion to extend deadlines. (ECF No. 79). Defendant Bob
12 Faulkner filed a limited opposition to Plaintiff's request to extend the deadline to amend
13 pleadings or add parties, but does not oppose Plaintiff's request to extend the close of discovery.¹
14 (ECF No. 80). Having reviewed both Plaintiff's motion and Defendant's opposition, the Court
15 finds that Plaintiff has demonstrated good cause to extend the deadlines that have not yet passed
16 and excusable neglect to reopen the deadline to amend pleadings and add parties that has passed.
17 See Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b); see LR 26-3

18 Additionally, although Plaintiff has not explained whether he seeks to extend the
19 deadlines for expert disclosures, the Court *sua sponte* includes and extends those deadlines in its
20 schedule below. It does so because Plaintiff points out that he received medical records related to
21 this case—which records are technical in nature—in mid-March. To accommodate the possibility
22 that expert analysis is necessary and to keep deadlines organized, the Court includes these
23 deadlines in its schedule.

²⁶ 1 Defendant has raised other arguments against reopening the deadline to amend pleadings and
add parties, including that amendment would be futile and that Plaintiff's claims should be
dismissed. However, these arguments—opposing amendment itself—do not bear on the Court's
²⁷ analysis in determining whether the amendment *deadline* should be extended. The Court thus
²⁸ does not address them here.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion to extend time (ECF No. 79) is granted. The below deadlines shall govern discovery:

Amend pleadings/add parties:	May 28, 2024
Initial expert disclosures:	June 26, 2024
Rebuttal expert disclosures:	July 26, 2024
Close of discovery:	August 26, 2024
Dispositive motions:	September 25, 2024
Pretrial order:	October 25, 2024 ²

DATED: April 26, 2024

DANIEL J. ALBREGTS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

² Under Local Rule 26-1(b)(5), if dispositive motions are filed, the deadline for filing the joint pretrial order will be suspended until thirty days after decision on the dispositive motions or further court order.